



THE CHAIRMAN'S CORNER

Friday, June 13, 2003

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Another extraordinary week for the NTSB as all Board members have been actively pursuing our safety agenda. **Vice Chairman Mark Rosenker** focused on port safety concerns in New Orleans while **Member Dick Healing** has put his attention on helicopter safety. Other recent outreach includes **Member Carol Carmody** speaking to the IATA Annual Meeting in Washington and serving as the keynote luncheon speaker at the ABA Aviation Litigation Section Meeting in New York. **Member John Goglia** continues to work

with industry and others on key aircraft maintenance issues.

The teamwork of the Board members is the continued key to NTSB's success in our safety advocacy. Members will continue to focus on the important issues in the NTSB's Most Wanted List and aggressively pursue support in state and local governments for key areas involving primary seatbelt legislation, hard cord drunk driving, and child booster seat protection. Additional focus will also occur in personal boating safety, Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting services (ARF) and

helicopter safety.

This is just a start as safety must be pursued in all modes, in all states and with the individual departments within the US Department of Transportation.

Ellen G. Engleman

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Outreach Activities

BOARD MEMBERS WORK AS TEAM TO AGGRESSIVELY PURSUE SAFETY

Vice Chairman Mark Rosenker—Vice Chairman Rosenker traveled to New Orleans to familiarize himself with the safety concerns of the Port Pilots Association and the Coast Guard. Additionally, he visited the Coast Guard Vessel Traffic Services Office and was briefed on the new Vessel Traffic System (VTS) and Automatic Identification System (AIS) soon to be inaugurated at the Port of New Orleans.

Member Dick Healing—Member Healing met with representatives from the UK Civil Aviation Authority on Helicopter Health Usage Monitoring systems and the Helicopter Operations Monitoring Program. Member Healing also met with Dr. L. D. Chen, head of the National Advanced Driving Simulator (NADS) operation at the University of Iowa. Dr. Chen briefed Member Healing on the capabilities of NADS and possible ways it could be used to assist with motor vehicle accidents.



Vice Chairman Mark Rosenker, his Special Assistant Tom Doyle and Crescent City Port Pilot Doug Grubbs, on the deck of the *Powhatan* on her way to the Gulf of Mexico.

NTSB ALL HANDS MESSAGES

NTSB Investigators Receive Safety Awards

Seven NTSB investigators have been awarded *Safety Accomplishment Certificates of Appreciation* for going above and beyond their routine duties to complete a safety improvement. Congratulations to **Arnold Scott**, Central Mountain Regional Aviation Office; **Clint Crookshanks**, Aviation Engineering Division; **Bob Hancock**, Northeast Regional Aviation Office; **Dave Kirchgessner**, Operational Factors Division; **Steve McCreary**, Northwest Regional Aviation Office; **Jim Silliman**, North Central Regional Aviation Office; and **Wayne Pollack**, Southwest Regional Aviation Office.

On the Hill...

Chairman Engleman met with Congressman Tom Petri, Chairman of the Highways, Transit and Pipelines Subcommittee, to discuss the number of drunk driving and youth related accidents on the nation's highways. She was joined by Brenda Yager, Director of Government Affairs.



NTSB REINFORCES COMMITMENT TO MILITARY RESERVISTS

Chairman Ellen Engleman and Vice Chairman Mark Rosenker met with **Commander Ralph DeFalco** and **Lieutenant Colonel Brian Arnold** of the National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve



Tim Vantran, from the NTSB Communications Center, recently returned from active duty with the Air National Guard in the Middle East.

to discuss NTSB's support of its military reservists. Both the Chairman and Vice Chairman are drilling military reservists and strongly support our employees who serve as citizen soldiers, airmen, seamen and guardsmen.

Investing in Human Capital Initiatives—NTSB's Executive Internship Program

Susan Allen, Angelique Berry, Joseph Guba, Edith Romero-Bruner, Larry Tibbs, Tamara West, Joanna Nunan and Cynthia Vahle have joined the Board for temporary assignments through the Executive Leadership and Executive Potential Programs. They are working on various projects including the Board's handling of classified information, NTSB Academy partnerships, COOP planning, and development of the on-scene safety checklists for NTSB modal offices.



Jim Arena, Associate Managing Director, with Executive Interns Commander Joanna Nunan, Edith Romero-Bruner and Joseph Guba.

STATE OUTREACH ACTIVITIES

Colorado PFD Bill Enacted—Governor Owens signed H.B. 1319 into law requiring that children under age 13 wear a PFD while on board a boat.

Missouri General Assembly Approves Boater Education Bill—The legislation requires boaters born after August 28, 1984 to complete boater education, similar to the NASBLA model law.

Nevada Legislature Approves Booster Seat Legislation—The Nevada Legislature approved S.B. 116, which requires the use of booster seats until children are 6 years old, or weigh 60 pounds.